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**STRENGTHENING THE RAIL-  
ROAD MEASURE.**

It has been decided by the Senate leaders and agreed to by President Taft to change the railroad bill in important particulars. Sections 7 and 12 are to be dropped. It is not unlikely the capitalization features will be eliminated, though no positive agreement as to them has been reached.

Section 7 of the bill is the one which provides for the making of traffic agreements by railroads. Section 12 relates to the merging of lines. Both of these sections have called forth no end of discussion and have excited bitter condemnation. As to section 7, it has been freely charged in both houses that in its original form it nullified the Sherman anti-trust law as to railroads. In the form in which it threatened to pass it would have been of no protection whatever to the public and might have proved damaging to shippers.

By dropping these two sections the bill undoubtedly will be much improved. From the first, it has been a serious mistake for the sponsors for the bill to urge that traffic agreements be permitted without the most adequate supervision by the Interstate Commerce Commission, a supervision so strict as to guard the shipper and the public from those dangers that lie in combination rates if made without the most careful restraint. The public does not like the notion of traffic agreements, and it is in no better frame of mind as to mergers of railroads unless they are watched over by the Interstate Commerce Commission most stringently.

It is not unlikely the capitalization provisions of the bill also will be stricken out. While there are many reasons for Government control of capitalization, forceful objections have been urged to the language of the pending bill in this respect. It would be a misfortune to pass any legislation on this subject which was loosely drawn. It will do less harm to wait a year or two for capitalization legislation than to pass that which would fail to provide the right sort of control. It must be remembered, however, that if capitalization legislation goes over, railroads will take advantage of the delay to float large security issues.

**HELPING EMPLOYEES TO HELP THEMSELVES.**

The Pennsylvania railway's newly installed school for employees is but another evidence of the far-seeing wisdom with which the operating department of that great corporation is conducted. Its aim, of course, is to get better service from the great army of men and women who engage in the work of moving people and freight, but at the same time it will accomplish a large measure of good for the employees themselves.

An examination has just been conducted for the purpose of ascertaining how well qualified the employees are to perform the duties they are supposed to perform, and it is said the results were not satisfactory. Heads of departments, offices, suboffices, and branches will, in the near future, give instruction to those under them, and when the next test is applied those who do not come up to a pretty high standard will be dropped from the payroll. After that, systematic schooling and periodical examinations will be given, for the purpose of making certain that all employees are at all times qualified to do their work.

This system is bound to improve the efficiency of all who work for the Pennsylvania, and who must stand a test of their knowledge of their own particular duties. It will be a good thing for the traveling public, and for the shipper and receiver of freight, but it will also be a good thing for the employees. They will be under the necessity of making themselves efficient. To the extent to which it makes the employees—and there are 10,000 of them—better workmen, just to that extent it will be a reform which makes for the progress of the world.

**ENGLAND PUTS ONE OVER ON GERMANY.**

Fate is beginning to show an inclination to cress the British lion gently with one hand while rumpling the waxed mustache of the Kaiser with

the other, and as a result all England may be expected to chuckle and beam in smug complacency at her Teutonic rival.

While Germany has been watching her airships blow up and rip to pieces, England has been advancing in aerial navigation by leaps and bounds, or, rather, by dips and swoops. For the nonce, the navy-building race seems to have been forgotten—the election being over—and rivalry appears to have turned to a scramble for supremacy of the air. The latest is contained in a London dispatch which must have sent cold chills up and down the back of official Berlin. It tells of the invention of a device for operating airships by wireless. The genius who claims to have made this startling discovery says of his machine:

I can sit in an armchair in London and make an airship drop a bunch of flowers in a friend's garden in Manchester, Paris, or Berlin, and with equal ease I can make it drop explosives wherever I like. I believe it will abolish the existing methods of warfare. I have offered the invention to the British government.

If he can do that there's little doubt that his wireless, bomb-dropping apparatus will somewhat more than abolish existing methods of warfare. It will abolish towns and countries. Germany will have to "go some" to match this latest fright-producer of England. A curious world awaits impatiently the next word from Berlin.

**GAS COMPANY MOVES BY IN-  
DIRECTION.**

The peculiarly talented counsel for the Washington Gas Monopoly, Mr. Richard H. Goldsborough, told the House District Committee last night that the Coudrey resolution is unconstitutional. Mr. Goldsborough's argument is calculated deeply to impress anybody who is looking for a pretext to serve the Gas Monopoly. The constitutional argument is always profound, no matter how entirely unrelated to the case in hand. It has lately become the resort of all forism in its last-ditch opposition to progress. We can only hope that the members of the committee, in whose hands the matter now rests, will recall that the anti-trust law, the railroad regulation measures, the legislation under which the union was saved—everything important to the people from the beginning of constitutional government—were all, in their time, attacked and branded as utterly unconstitutional.

But Mr. Goldsborough is particularly careless of his own reputation as a lawyer, when he assumes that this Coudrey resolution is without the constitutional power of Congress to legislate. This resolution is an expression in specific terms of the reserve power of Congress over its own creature. Congress chartered the Washington Gas Light Company, and by the terms of the charter specifically reserved control over the capitalization. There can be no serious question on this point.

The company has never issued capitalization without first getting consent of Congress. It cannot do so now. But it has developed what it believes is a legal method of circumventing the control of Congress; of accomplishing by indirection that which, if done by direction, would unquestionably be illegal.

The Coudrey resolution is a measure to plug up a loophole through which the Gas monopoly designs to emit some millions of watered securities. That is all there is to it. Mr. Hazelton, in his argument last night, effectually and completely answered the constitutional argument which Mr. Goldsborough had presented against the resolution. We have so much respect for the legal acumen of Mr. Goldsborough that we must respectfully decline to believe that he takes his own argument seriously, or that he would be willing to have his own reputation as a lawyer stand or fall by such a remarkable statement of the limitations of the legislative power of Congress.

If Mr. Goldsborough is right and Congress is stopped from interfering with the financial exploitation of a corporation which Congress itself chartered and over whose finances it specifically reserved the most complete powers, then it is, of course, obvious that Congress has no possible right to interfere with the financial methods of a corporation chartered by a State and without the specific control of Congress. That would imply that our Attorney General and all the constitutional authorities who have been working on projects to control the capitalization of certain classes of corporations, are entirely mistaken, and trying to do that which Congress has no power to do. We decline to accept Mr. Goldsborough's view as against the now universally recognized view that Congress has power to control in such matters.

Ever if it were conceded that Congress may not interfere with the capitalization of a New Jersey or Kentucky corporation, it is still certain that Congress may control the capitalization of a corporation to which Congress gave life, and which it originally restricted to the terms which it might impose, as to capitalization.

The case before the District Committee is perfectly simple. If it wants to stop the issue of some \$5,000,000 of blue sky securities as a charge against gas consumers of Washington, it will pass the Coudrey resolution. If it feels that the Gas monopoly, plus the Washington Post, plus the political pull of the Cincinnati Enquirer, and the other ramifications of the McLean power, are entitled to consideration even to the extent of imposing upon this public an outrage that would not be permitted

anywhere else in the country, then it will take Mr. Goldsborough seriously, kill the Coudrey resolution, and let the gas insiders cut their melon.

**GOOD PROJECT IS THREATEN-  
ED BY DISPUTE.**

Public playgrounds make for the happiness of children and for the cold-blooded, dollars and cents profit of the world. If not for the first reason, at least for the second, they should commend themselves to those upon whom is imposed the duty of making our laws, yet the appropriation for public playgrounds for the District of Columbia is threatened by a dispute which has arisen over the source from which the money is to be derived.

The House insists that the proposed appropriation of \$17,000 be from the revenues of the District alone. The Senate insists that half be paid from the District revenues and half by the Government, and here the playgrounds hang.

There is no reason the playgrounds appropriation should be different from any other appropriation for the public works and maintenance of the District. It is a necessary and vitally important item of expense, and should be met as any other expense incident to the life of the community. In quarreling over the method of providing the playgrounds appropriation, Congress should not forget the main issue—the need of the children of Washington.

These commencement announcements are really only a tip to unpecked ones of stock of superlatives and have them ready to shower upon the S. G. G., who will soon blossom in our midst.

For the sake of the town's showing in the census reports, it is to be hoped that 25-pound man at Locust Valley, N. Y., was counted before his recent death.

A Chicago theatrical manager has offered a prize of \$100 for a substitute word or phrase for "vaudeville." What the matter with "dramatic dementia."

"Cupp" Farmer, the high school athlete who is going to take dentistry at Georgetown, shows a commendable disposition to plug along through college.

Speaker Cannon should be able to give the "third degree" probe committee some interesting testimony concerning the victim's side of the ordeal.

In addition to their other difficulties, the Administration bills have now encountered the threatened obstacle of warm weather.

Rhode Island will celebrate its independence day on May 4 this year. Next year it will celebrate on March 4.

Once more, in the Lorimer probe, we find that for all practical purposes Chicago is the capital of Illinois.

The retirement of Hammerstein is quite likely to cause a lot of opera stars to discover they're only comets.

**What's on the Program  
Tonight in Washington**

Annual meeting American McAll Association, Church of the Covenant, Connecticut avenue and N street, 8 p. m.

Exhibition by T. M. C. A. gymnasium class, old Masonic Temple, Ninth and F streets, 8 p. m.

Address by the Rev. John Hunter, of Glasgow, Scotland, Church of Our Father, Thirteenth and L streets, 8 p. m.

Columbia Heights Citizens' Association, Postoffice Hall, Park road, near Fourteenth street, 8 p. m.

Address by Dr. Charles E. Munroe before Washington Society of Engineers, 722 Twelfth street northwest, 8 p. m.

Illustrated lecture on "The Land Hunter and its Satisfaction," by Dr. Thomas Elmer Will, at 1211 Pennsylvania avenue northwest, at 8 p. m.

**Theaters.**

National—Aborn Opera Company, 8:15 p. m.

Belasco—Spring Musical Festival, 8:20 p. m.

Columbia—"Brewster's Millions," 8:15 p. m.

Chase's—Polite vaudeville, 8:15 p. m.

Casino—Continous vaudeville.

Academy—"East Lynne," 8:15 p. m.

Cayety—"Bon Tons," 8:15 p. m.

Lyceum—"Cole and Johnson," 8:15 p. m.

Majestic—Motion pictures and vaudeville, 7 to 11 p. m.

Masonic Auditorium—Motion pictures, 7:30 to 10:30 p. m.

Academy—Theatricals and other attractions. (The Times will be pleased to announce meetings and entertainments in this column. Phone or write announcements.)

**Capital Tales.**

**Am bitious Members.**

THREE members of the House are custodians of governorship booms. Everybody knows that the Ohio Republicans are casting eyes at "Nick" Longworth in the hope that he may be able to dispossess the Honorable Judson Harman. Mr. Longworth rather scents the governorship talk, but there's something to it, just the same.

On the other side of the House Representative William Sulzer of New York, and Representative Ben Johnson of Kentucky, are getting quite accustomed to having fellow members greet them with such expressions as "good morning, governor." The prospective honors weigh lightly upon these gentlemen. Since the strong showing made by the Democrats in the Thirty-second New York district, and the defeat of the would-be Republican successors to the late James Brock Perkins, the Sulzer boom has gained much momentum. Sulzer is about the best known man in the entire New York delegation, and it is said would poll a tremendous Democratic vote up State, although he is from the city.

Mr. Johnson, of Kentucky, is carefully studying his books and is unusually active upon the floor these days, all of which is duly pointed out to the folks back home.

It may be Governor Longworth, Governor Johnson, and Governor Sulzer a few months from now.

**House Callisthenics.**

REPRESENTATIVE SERENO E. R. PANE, the Republican floor leader, who is quite fat, and who moves about most ponderously, is getting much exercise these days. The House is voting on the railroad bill by sections, and every few minutes there's a vote by tellers, every member marching down the aisles and passing between the tally-keepers.

"I demand tellers, Mr. Chairman," yells a member.

Whereupon a wearied expression fits across the face of Mr. Payne, who has a seat well back in the chamber. He arises slowly and in evident distress, ambles down the aisles and then back again. After he has repeated the performance about ten times, Mr. Payne is ready for a rest.

**Dolliver Eloquent.**

SENATOR DOLLIVER's speech in the Senate last Saturday afternoon, on the occasion of the reception of the statue of Francis H. Pierpont, was much commented on as one of the most eloquent efforts heard in Congress for a long time.

Senator Dolliver was in position to talk most entertainingly concerning Pierpont, the Union war governor of West Virginia, for, while Dolliver is now an Iowa, he was born in West Virginia and reared there. He is intimately acquainted with the State and all its traditions and with many of its people. His father, known as "Father Dolliver" was for forty years a Methodist circuit rider in the mountains of West Virginia and went the round of his circuit on horseback, in the old-fashioned way, for years before the civil war and through the period of that great struggle.

"Father" Dolliver, who was one of the most eloquent preachers of his time, preached against slavery in the regions where slaves abounded and preached death to strong drink in the regions where the distilleries were. The result was that he was oftentimes in peril of his life, but, being a man of great physical strength, as well as spiritual, he was always able to ward off his enemies.

"Father" Dolliver and Pierpont were great friends. "Many a night my father has gone to sleep at Pierpont's house after joining in family prayers," said Senator Dolliver.

Under the circumstances, when Senator Dolliver talked to the Senate about Pierpont as one of the saints of God, when he quoted from the words of the psalmist, when he recited the traditional differences between West Virginia and the old Dominion, reaching back long before the days of the war, and when he paid a tribute to the mountaineers of West Virginia, he was speaking of things which the early experiences of his boyhood had served to bring close to his heart.

**Candidacy of Folk.**

THAT former Governor Folk, of Missouri, looks on himself seriously as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for President in the information obtained here. Some letters have been received in Washington asking support for him in the 1912 campaign. Mr. Folk is especially anxious to get the support of Tennessee. He has brothers there who are prominent in Democratic politics and their influence may aid him in getting the delegation from there. At any rate, he has his eye on Tennessee, and, apparently, is starting into the game long in advance of the campaign.

**Washington Society Regrets Loss  
From Ranks of Diplomatic Hosts**



**Transfer of E. L. Chermont to Mexican Post Announced.**

**Mme. Chermont, Formerly of Baltimore, Closing Washington House.**

The transfer of E. L. Chermont, first secretary of the Brazilian embassy from Washington to Mexico, is a matter of genuine regret in diplomatic, official, and resident circles of Washington society. Mr. Chermont is one of the most popular diplomats of the South American continent, and his wife, who was formerly Miss Helen Sloan, of Baltimore, will be greatly missed from the ranks of diplomatic hostesses.

Mr. Chermont, who accompanied the body of the late Ambassador Nabuco to Brazil, will sail from there tomorrow for a short sojourn in Europe, before going to his new post of duty. Mme. Chermont is closing their residence here and expects to sail from New York May 11, on the Mauretania, to join her husband in Europe. Their small son, Jayme, is one of the most interesting children in the city.

**Society Folk  
Attend Musical Festival.**

Washington society was well represented at the opening performance of the spring musical festival last evening at the Belasco Theater. Among the boxholders were former Representative and Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, who had with them Miss Janet Fish, Miss Wadsworth, Prince Koudachoff, and Mr. de Thal, of the Russian embassy, and Lee McClung, United States Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Mann also occupied a box, having as their guests the Solicitor General and Mrs. Lloyd W. Bowser and Colonel and Mrs. Downey.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutz Anderson, who as their guests the Misses Anderson, of Cincinnati, who are their house guests. Some of those in the body of the house were Representative and Mrs. Longworth, Representative and Mrs. J. Van Vechten Olcott, Mr. and Mrs. William Corcoran Hill, Mr. and Mrs. William Dennis, Mrs. P. B. Moran and Mrs. John M. Hudgins, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp, Rear Admiral Clegg, and Mrs. Glover, Senator and Mrs. Guggenheim, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Foster, Mr. and Mrs. George Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Murray, Mr. A. Charles, Mr. and Mrs. Henry, Mrs. Lawrence Townsend, Miss Townsend, Mrs. W. R. Merriam, Miss Merriam, Senator and Mrs. Curtis, Mr. and Mrs. William Phelps Eno, and Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Warner.

A group of young girls of the Suburban Club held a concert program for the benefit of a fund for a grand opera house and a music hall. They were Miss Katherine Brooks, Miss Leona Kied, Miss Mildred Kolb, and Miss Marguerite Howard.

**Vice President  
And Mrs. Sherman Guests.**

The Vice President and Mrs. Sherman were the guests of the committee to whom the Norman Williams entertained a party at dinner last evening.

Among those who were guests at the dinner were Mrs. J. H. Easton, wife of the Secretary of War, who was host at a dinner party last evening at his home on Connecticut avenue in honor of the governor of Porto Rico, Colonel Colton.

The guests were Speaker Cannon of the House of Representatives, Senator Depew, Senator Flint, Senator Percy, Senator Crane, Representative Jones, Representative Olmstead, Colonel S. C. U. S. A., the speaker of the House of Representatives of Porto Rico, Mr. de Diego, Mr. Larrinaga, William H. Carter, General Edwards, General McIntyre, John W. Judd, of Secretary Dickinson.

**Representative Barclay of Pennsylvania and his sister, Mrs. Roberts, entertained at dinner last evening in compliment to Representative and Mrs. Nelson P. Wheeler, of Pennsylvania, and Mrs. Wheeler's sister, Mrs. Smith, of California, who is visiting in Washington.**

**Miss Heyl  
Entertains at Luncheon.**

Miss Julia Heyl entertained a party informally at luncheon today.

Miss Elizabeth Hammond will entertain informally at tea tomorrow afternoon.

**The Tuesday Morning Bridge Club was entertained by Mrs. Roswell Randall Hoe, this morning at her home on Rhode Island avenue.**

Baroness Preuschen, wife of the naval attaché of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, returned to Washington last evening from Delaware, where she was a member of the week-end house party at the country home of Senator du Pont, near Wilmington.

**Luncheon Party Given  
By Mrs. Lyman Tiffany**

Mrs. Lyman Tiffany entertained at luncheon today at her residence on Connecticut avenue.

Mrs. Tiffany and her granddaughter, Miss Helen Parker, a debutante of the season, will leave Washington shortly for Richmond Springs, where they will spend the summer.

**Miss Edson Will Wed  
Lieut. J. W. McKie June 1**

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Romanzo Edson have cards out for the marriage of their daughter, Miss Cecile Edson, to Lieut. John William McKie, Coast Artillery Corps, U. S. A., Wednesday, June 1, at noon, in St. Thomas' Church.

Fashionable society will turn out in force for the benefit of a well-known charity, the Junior League of the National Junior Republic, Thursday evening, when "The Girl and the Page" will be presented by the Caledon Club of George Washington University.

Mrs. Alexander Britton, Mrs. Eldridge Jordan, Miss Esther Denny, and others have planned large parties.

The members of the Caledon Club are well known in Washington society. Jesse Brown will take the leading part, that of a young college student whose initiation into a college fraternity is the theme of the play. A love story, of course, also runs through the play.

Philip Lee Scantling has written the book, lyrics, and music. Mr. Scantling's ability to write catchy songs is well known, and "The Girl and the Page" is considered the best thing he has done so far. The glee club of the university will augment the chorus.

**Secretary of War  
Host at Dinner Party.**

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**EMPEROR FAVORS  
THE DUKE OF URACH**

**Monacoan Prince May Not  
Succeed to Father's  
Throne.**

PARIS, May 3.—Following the granting of the Monaco constitution by Prince Albert, another piece of news has just emanated from the principality to the effect that the present hereditary prince may be prevented from succeeding his father.

The heir apparent is Prince Louis, born in 1870, and the only son of Lady Mary Hamilton and Prince Albert, from whom she was divorced by the Roman Curia in 1880, and later married Count Festetics, the Hungarian magistrate. Pope Pius IX, apropos of the "annulment" marriage declared the son, Prince Louis, to be legitimate.

Prince Louis is a graduate of the French Military School of St. Cyr and a former lieutenant of the French army. Some years ago he contracted a morganatic marriage with a French lady. They had a daughter, whom they both idolize. Again and again the prince has been importuned by his father to put away his wife and marry into a royal marriage declared the son, Prince Louis, to be legitimate.

According to the French code, which prevails at Monaco, the "recognized" daughter is heiress to the hereditary throne. But it appears that there is a flaw in the Grimaldi-Hamilton civil marriage, of which Prince Albert Goyon de Matignon Grimaldi, as reigning prince, means to avail himself.

If Prince Louis therefore, were to lose his rights, his successor would be the Duke of Urach, the son of Princess Florentine of Monaco. The duke, who is descended from a morganatic marriage is a duke of Wurtemberg and Baroness d'Underfeld, is a major in the Wurtemberg army, and husband of Princess Amelie, eldest daughter of the late Charles Theodore, Duke of Bavaria.

**CONCERT BY THE ENGINEER  
BAND.**

AT WASHINGTON BARRACKS,  
THIS AFTERNOON AT 4 O'CLOCK  
JULIUS KAMPER, Chief Musician.

**PROGRAM.**

March, "Nibellungen".....Wagner  
Overture, "Nabuccodonosor".....Verdi  
Waltz, "The Love Kiss".....Pryor  
Selection, "Pirates of Penzance".....Sullivan  
Dance Characteristique, Anna Bolona.....Ball  
Gems for the comic opera "The Golden Girl".....Howard  
"The Star Spangled Banner."

**The Young Lady Across the Way**

We asked  
the young lady  
across the way  
in what direction  
the valedictorian of the  
graduating class  
was particularly  
gifted and she  
said well she  
believed a gold  
bracelet from  
her father and  
mother was  
about the nicest  
thing she expected.



**The Circulation Manager Talks:**

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